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1. FOR DONALD BROWN NE/EI FROM JOHN OLESON.
2. IN REF A WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO RESPOND TO MAJOR CONCERNS EXPRESSED REF B. ONE POINT WE PERHAPS COULD HAVE STRESSED MORE IS THAT WE DO NOT VIEW THE DPS PROJECT AS THE ONLY OR "CENTRAL" MEANS OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY, ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING IN EGYPT. IT APPEARS AS THOUGH AID/W THINKS OF THIS PROJECT AS THE ONLY EFFORT WHICH WE WILL BE MAKING ON THAT PROBLEM. OF COURSE, THAT IS NOT THE CASE AS YOU WELL KNOW. OUR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS PROJECT, FOR EXAMPLE, IS AIMED IN THIS DIRECTION AS ARE PARTS OF THE PLANNED INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION PROJECT, OUR TAX ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL REFORM EFFORTS.
3. FURTHERMORE, WE NEVER SUGGESTED THAT WE SHOULD NOT CONTINUE TO EXPLORE ADDITIONAL WAYS TO MEET THE PROBLEM. THIS PROJECT IS JUST ONE OF WHAT WE EXPECT WILL BE A NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS TO GET AT THE OVERALL PROBLEM. WE
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THINK IT WOULD BE ASKING TOO MUCH OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT TO REQUIRE IT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT IT HAS A "CENTRAL ROLE" IN THE PROCESS.

4. ONE LAST POINT WHICH I WISH TO EMPHASIZE IS OUR NEED FOR A QUICK RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUE. THE AMBASSADOR IS ANXIOUS TO REPLY PROMPTLY TO THE LETTER FROM THE

RECTOR OF CAIRO UNIVERSITY; AND MIT, OF COURSE, REMINDS
US THAT THERE ARE FAST-APPROACHING DEADLINES FOR THE
NOTIFICATION OF ITS AND CU'S STAFF RE THEIR CONTINUED
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